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MEMORANDUM FOR COLONEL TEHRUNE

SUBJECT: WS 117L Flight Schedule

1. You have verbally directed that the subject schedule be increased to approximately nine (9) flights in Calendar Year 59.

2. As you are aware, we are currently negotiating the definitive contract with Lockheed. The schedule is the old schedule and is that which has been priced by Lockheed. The total price for FY 58 and FY 59 is approximately that which we know to be programmed by the Air Council. If we, at this time, insist upon a flight schedule as indicated in paragraph 1 above, it will bring about two main events: (a) a complete cessation to negotiate until the new cost schedule can be priced and (b) FY 58 and 59 costs considerably in excess of the funds recommended by the Air Council.

3. I propose that we comply with your directive as follows:

a. Complete negotiations on the current schedule which calls for approximately five (5) flights in CY 59.

b. Request Lockheed price the costs of increasing the flight schedule as indicated in paragraph 1, above.

c. Based upon our evaluation of their price, request additional funds to cover this program increase.

4. Unless we follow the above course, the lag of definitizing the contractor's effort will, I am afraid, cause the program to slip inasmuch as the specific goals of the Work Statement cannot be made mandatory upon the contractor. I further believe these cost increases will be such that we will experience delay of several weeks or even months in getting these additional funds and I do not think it advisable to delay the efforts by such a period.

FREDERIC C. E. ODER
Colonel, USAF
Director, WS 117L

OK but let's get the 9 in at once. CHT.

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